

**SB 5417.E - DIGEST**

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 3/10/05)

Finds that it is imperative to ensure that people who are arrested for driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or any drug are not released to third parties who then allow them to resume control of a motor vehicle.

Declares it is the purpose of this act to enhance public safety by reducing the probability that a person arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs will have access to a motor vehicle while still impaired by the alcohol or drugs.

Provides that, whenever the driver of a vehicle is arrested for a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504, the vehicle is subject to impoundment at the direction of a law enforcement officer.

Provides that, before a law enforcement officer releases a person arrested for a violation of RCW 46.61.502 or 46.61.504 to a third person, the officer shall serve notice in writing on the third person advising the person of potential civil and criminal liability if the person facilitates or permits the arrested person released to his custody to resume operation of a motor vehicle while still intoxicated or impaired.